

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1001

HOUSE BILL NO. 3610

By Representative Larry Turner

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3798

By Senators Marrero, Ford, Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 21, Part 1, relative to disabled drivers placards.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-21-103, is amended by adding the following language a new subsection:

(g) Upon receipt of an application by an agency providing motor vehicle rentals to disabled clients, the department shall issue a placard to such agency for the sole purpose of renting accessible motor vehicles to disabled clients. The number of placards issued to the agency may not exceed the number of vehicles owned and operated for the purpose of providing accessible motor vehicle rentals to disabled clients; provided that placards shall only be issued for vehicles permanently equipped with a wheelchair ramp or lift. The use of such placard or placards for any other purpose, or on any motor vehicle not permanently equipped with a wheelchair ramp or lift, shall be grounds for the forfeiture of the placard or placards issued to the agency in a manner otherwise consistent with the provisions of this part.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-21-108, is amended by adding the following language a new subsection:

(f) Any violation of §55-21-103(g) shall be a Class B misdemeanor, punishable by a fine only of two hundred dollars (\$200).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 7, 2008



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APPROVED this 21st day of May 2008



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